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SUBJ: UNP WINS CLEAR MAJORITY IN SRI LANKA ELECTION LANDSLIDE

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1. THE UNITED NATIONAL PARTY (UNP) SCORED AN UNPRECEDENTED LANDSLIDE OVER PRIME MINISTER SIRIMAVO BANDARANAIKE'S SRI LANKA FREEDOM PARTY (SLFP) IN GENERAL ELECTIONS JULY 21. THE UNP NOW HAS A CLEAR MAJORITY IN THE NEW 166 MEMBER ASSEMBLY. (TWO MORE SEATS WILL BE DECIDED LATER IN A BY-ELECTION.) OF THE RESULTS ANNOUNCED BY 0830 LOCAL TIME, THE UNP HAD 84, THE TAMIL UNITED LIBERATION FRONT (TULF) 13, AND THE SLFP THREE. ONLY THE PRIME MINISTER, WHO WON BY A HEALTHY BUT REDUCED

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MAJORITY OF 11,000, THE DEPUT LEADER OF THE SLFP MAITHRIPALA SENANAYAKE, WHO SQUEAKED IN BY 300, AND A NEW CONTESTANT FROM AMAMADUWA CONSTITUENCY HAVE WON FOR THE OUTGOING RULING PARTY. THE LEFT PARTIES HAVE YET TO WIN A SEAT.

2. LOSERS HAVE INCLUDED AGRICULTURE MINISTER HECTOR KOBBE-KADUWA, POST AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS MINISTER C. KUMARASURIAR,

SHIPPING AND TOURISM MINISTER P.B.G. KALUGALLA, FISHERIES MINISTER S.D.R. JAYARATNE, INDUSTRIES MINISTER S.K.K. SUR-IARACHCHI, ASEMBLY SPEAKER STANLEY TILLEKERATNE, CULTURAL MINISTER T.B. TENNEKoon, DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER LAKSHMAN JAYAKODY, AND, AS REPORTED REFTel, TRANSPORT MINISTER K.B. RATNAYAKE. UNITED LEFT FRONT LEADER T.B. SUBASINGHE CAME THIRD IN HIS HOME CONSTITUENCY. ALL LEFT PARTY CANDIDATES HAVE DONE EXTREMELY POORLY, AND MOST ARE LIKELY TO LOSE THEIR DEPOSITS.

3. UNP LEADER J.R. JAYAWARDENE, WHO WON BY A MAJORITY OF 18,000 IN WEST COLOMBO, WILL BE THE NEW PRIME MINISTER.
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